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The Honorable Mike Shirkey Chair, Senate Committee on Michigan Competitiveness 320 Farnum Building P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Re: PASS Senate Bill 1104

Dear Senator Shirkey:

The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) is a trade association representing nearly 1,000 property and casualty insurance companies that write more than \$202 billion in direct written premium, including more than 37 percent of the Michigan insurance market. We support the passage of Senate Bill 1104, concerning clarifying payments for economic damages in medical malpractice cases.

PCI supports common-sense legal reforms across the country such as SB 1104. This bill would avoid creating a "windfall" for plaintiffs, and their attorneys, for monies that were never actually paid out for medical services. This creates a more fair and balanced process for both plaintiffs and defendants.

PCI strongly supports, and urges your chamber to vote "yes," on SB 1104.

Please contact me directly at 847-553-3678 or via email at ieffrey.junkas@pciaa.net with any questions or George Carr, PCI's Michigan counsel, at gmcarr@carrlawfirm.com or 517-371-2577.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Junkas

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cc: George Carr